



Students at the United States Naval Training School for Women Reserves at Hunter College carrying nightsticks, march out to relieve guard under the command of Coxswain Anne Pearse.

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## WAVE SENTRIES SKILLED WITH CLUB

Hands Destined to Rock the  
Cradle Now Wield Billies  
With Lethal Power

Hands that destiny had shaped to rock the cradle were firm last night on stubby billies—short clubs with lethal potentialities—as Wave sentries wearing Shore Patrol armbands paced the ground around the Naval Training School for Women's Reserves at Hunter College.

The girl sentries have replaced sailors on all except two of the daytime guard tricks on the station, from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. They also patrol "The Hill," posts near the apartment houses which serve as barracks for the Waves.

Originally, executives at the station did not consider Wave sentries for guard duty. They thought it was strictly a job for muscular gobs. In midday, though, Seaman Audrey Pearl Roberts changed their thinking.

An obstreperous civilian tried to brush past Seaman Roberts at the school gate and used brute force, combined with alcoholic insistence. Seaman Roberts then took the proper attitude. "I bopped one," she explained later. The civilian sprawled, a casualty, and Seaman Roberts was cited in orders.

All the Wave sentries have been specially trained by Chief Specialist John P. Cruise, Chief Master-at-Arms, who was in the New York Police Department twenty-three years. He taught them billy technique, parrying, and all essential tricks for countering attack.

The Chief Master-at-Arms was enthusiastic yesterday over the ease with which the Waves caught on.

"I didn't have to teach them how to wham," he said enthusiastically. "It seems to come to them naturally."

He has found them grimmer at the task than men sentries and more conscientious in their duties, generally, than men are. The Wave sentries were chosen on merit basis, company commanders picking out girls and women who showed special aptitude.

If you see some bewildered male with a cauliflower ear and scattered lumps and bumps and he says "I've been hit by a Wave," he need not necessarily have been down at the beach.